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1. I interviewed [REDACTED] in my office and feel that he has an excellent background both in training and experience for some of the work in this Agency. You will have seen him by the time you get this and probably will have the general facts.

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2. Being both a CPA and a lawyer, [REDACTED] is of interest to both our shops. He has had somewhat more private experience in the CPA field and very little private law, but his Government experience has emphasized law. Also, obviously, there are accounting aspects both in his Federal Power Commission experience and his commercial rate work with CAB. On the whole he has not had the type of private practice and experience for which I am looking, but his Government training will be first rate for the type of work done by the Coordination and Contract Unit.

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3. [REDACTED] come to see me partly on the recommendation of Mr. Goodrich, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the Secretary of Defense. I talked to Mr. Goodrich who says he knows him only as a man of good reputation, but that he (Mr. Goodrich) has very little personal knowledge of his work.

4. I called Mr. William Hitchcock on the Air Policy Staff, Department of State, and he said he would check through his friends both there and in CAB. Mr. Hitchcock reported that he had talked to a couple of people and his report from them was as follows: "If you are looking for a sharp, intelligent and able man, you don't have to look any further. However, everyone said he does have one main drawback - that he talks a lot. He keeps repeating himself after the point is made. His integrity is unchallengeable." I personally feel that the talkativeness need not be a major drawback as he apparently gets results.

5. I liked him personally even though he was obviously doing quite a selling job on me. I believe you can get him for a GS-12 if there is a future in the job. If I can do any further checking for you, please let me know.

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